GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of work "Providing internal roads with CC Drains in SC/ST localities at Guntabadra Village in Makkuva (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.12.00 lakhs sanctioned under MGNREGS grant" - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT(VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 9 **Dated: 02-01-2017**

Read:

1.From ENC, PR, Letter No.Vig.I(1)/1435/2015, Dt.25.04.2016.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR)

To
Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva, **through**
Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
(with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

SF/SC.

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Annexure-I

Statement showing the article of charges framed against Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva

Charge-1

That Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva has committed certain irregularities in execution of the work providing internal roads with CC Drains in SC/ST localities at Guntabadra Village in Makkuva (M) with an estimate cost of Rs.12.00 lakhs sanctioned under MGNREGS grant for his personal gain and caused loss of Rs. 1,13,363/- to Government Exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri U.V.Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Article of Charges framed against Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva

The Chief Engineer, PR, Hyderabad vide his letter No.QC1/MGNREGS/V&QC/VSP/2015, dt.17-04-2015 submitted the copies of inspection reports received from the EE, V&QC, Vishakhapatnam for the work "Providing internal roads with CC Drains in SC/ST localities at Guntabadra Village in Makkuva (M) with an estimated cost of Rs. 12.00 lakhs" proposing total recovery of Rs. 1,79,485/-.

Findings of V& QC staff

1. Recovery due to the less thickness of CC pavement was calculated/ arrived at Rs.1,13,363/- and the same may be recovered.
2. The work is in progress.
3. Design mix details for M30 grade concrete are not shown at the time of inspection and it seems that the work is carried out without design mix.
4. Strength of CC road was not verified due to lack of machinery. Hence the field officers are requested to ascertain the strength of cc road before proceeding further.
5. NMR's and Paid vouchers are not available for verification at the time of inspection.
6. Field officers are recorded M30 design mix concrete for CC pavement without testing/obtaining any report regarding strength of pavement. It is not known the mix M30 was obtained at site without knowing mix proportion. Hence, the field officers are requested to take necessary action for conducting core test and to obtain test report for strength of CC pavement as per specification. If the strength obtained is not within tolerable limits of required strength, necessary action to be taken as per rules in force.
7. The existing crust particular are not mentioned in the specification report of sanctioned estimate.
8. Polythene sheet was observed under the CC pavement but requires improvement (It should be covered sides also)
9. Needle vibrator and Plasticizer are not provided in the estimate. They should be provided to improve compaction and workability of concrete so as to increase the strength.
10. It is suggested to provide plasticizers are not provided in the estimate. They should be provided to improve compaction and workability of concrete over W/C ratio and workability.
11. The spacing of the contraction joints are not as per the standards at certain places. The spacing should not be less than the width of the road or not more than 4.50 m. The joints should be treated and sealed with sealing compound.
12. QC register is not shown by the field officers. It seems that no QC register IS maintained.
13. The edges of CG pavement were not laid. But payment of Rs.7052/- was made for collection of GSB for shoulders VP No.02 of MB No.1243-A. The spreading and compaction of GSB was recorded with 1.75 to 1.90 mts with VO 01 & 03 of MB No.1577/A on 26-12-2013. The reach and the details for this work was spreaded not mentioned in the M.Book. The bill for this work was submitted by the DyEE/PRI/Saluru to Division office on 27-03-2014. But payment was not recommended for spreading and compaction of GSB.

14. In the original estimate CC pavement was proposed on WBM Gr-II layer. But the CC pavement on sand bed was approved in the working estimate.
15. The width of drain walls and kerb wails was not maintained uniformly.
16. Name board was not fixed.

Recovery proposed

Name & Designation	Name of the work	Item proposed for recovery	Recovery Amount (Rs.)
Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva	Providing internal roads with CC Drains in SC/ST localities at Guntabadra Village in Makkuva (M) with an estimated cost of Rs. 12.00 lakhs.	Less thickness of CC Pavement (7.73%)	19,653/-
		Less thickness of CC Pavement (13.60%)	45,431/-
		Less thickness of CC Pavement (15.47%)	48,279/-
		Total	**1,13,363/-**

By his above mentioned act, Sri U.V. Ratnam, Mandal Engineering Officer, Makkuva failed to discharge his duties, lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Annexure-III

List of documents by which the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained.

1. Letter No.QC1/MGNREGS/V&QC/VSP/2015 of Chief Engineer (PR) Hyderabad.
2. Letter No.248/AEE3/V&QC/VSP, dt.27-03-2015 of the Executive Engineer, V&QC Division, Visakhapatnam.

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Annexure-IV

List of witnesses by whom the article of charges is proposed to be sustained.

-Nil-

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